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**Subject:** RE: OWW's Weekly for 05/27/2016

Dan must have thought my May 4 was a typo (understandable) so he changed it to May 24!

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**Subject:** Weekly Report for the week of 05/27/2016 for OWW  
**To:** [r10-ora@epa.gov](mailto:r10-ora@epa.gov)  
**CC:** R10 ECI OWW Editors; Anthony Barber/R10/USEPA/US; Dianne Soderlund/R10/USEPA/US; James Werntz/R10/USEPA/US; Jeff Kenknight/R10/USEPA/US; Lucy Edmondson/R10/USEPA/US; Michael Szerlog/R10/USEPA/US; Cara Steiner-Riley/R10/USEPA/US; Lisa Castanon/R10/USEPA/US; Peter Murchie/R10/USEPA/US; Tami Fordham/R10/USEPA/US

**OD & AD TRAVEL/SIGNIFICANT LEAVE:**

*Dan Opalski: IN Tue a.m.(teleworking)/Wed/Thu/Fri; OUT Mon (Holiday)/Tue p.m. (S/L)*  
*Christine Psyk: IN Tue/Wed/Thu; OUT Mon (Holiday)/Fri (Compressed)*  
*Bella Patheal-Centnera: IN Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri*

**HOT TOPICS**

**This Week:**

NWEA Washington WQS Petition: On May 24, EPA HQ sent Northwest Environmental Advocates (NWEA) a response to their petition dated October 28, 2013 (and subsequent follow up letters from 2015 and 2016) requesting that EPA take

specific steps to update water quality criteria for toxics to protect human health and aquatic life in Washington. EPA's response outlined the ongoing federal and state rule activity regarding Washington's human health criteria. Regarding aquatic life criteria, EPA did not grant or deny the petition but, instead, requested additional follow up information from NWEA. EPA also informed NWEA that it has encouraged Ecology (and Ecology has itself identified as a priority in its five year water quality strategy) to prioritize aquatic life criteria revisions consistent with the Agency's latest 304(a) recommendations and Region 10 Endangered Species Act consultations. Region 10 received a copy of the signed HQ response on May 24 and shared it with the WA Department of Ecology. POC: Matt Szelag, 3-5171.

Puget Sound Management RFP: The period for responses to our RFP closed May 23. The assistance agreement expected to be awarded is for five years funded at approximately \$2.8 million per year, up to total of \$17 million. The RFP is for "Puget Sound Action Agenda- Management Conference Support for Implementation Strategies and Additional Activities". The evaluation review panel will be scoring applications and making a recommendation to Dan Opalski next week on June 3rd. Estimated award date will be end of July. POC: Chris Castner, 3-6517

Audit of Puget Sound Tribal Lead Award: The OIG held an entrance conference with R10 Puget Sound program and Grants Unit to start an audit of Puget Sound assistance agreements to the NW Indian Fisheries Commission and some subawards made to individual Puget Sound tribes. Notification from the OIG to the NWIFC is expected to be sent out next week or the following. POC: Lisa Chang, 3-0226

NPDES Meeting with City of Twin Falls, Idaho. OWW, IOO, and ORC staff met with City of Twin Falls representatives (City Manager and Public Works Department) and Idaho DEQ management in order to discuss a preliminary draft NPDES permit for the City's waste water treatment plant. The permit includes stringent new nutrient limits in order to address nutrient impairments in the Mid-Snake River. At issue is the fact that the proposed limits are much lower than the requirements of the existing approved TMDL. EPA believes the TMDL is based on faulty assumptions and has failed to meet established targets thus requiring more stringent permit limits in order to protect water quality standards. The participants shared information on recent plant upgrades, current plant performance, funding limitations, current river conditions, and other ongoing projects in the watershed that should influence in-stream nutrient conditions. The parties agreed to exchange additional information and to reconvene in July for further discussion on how to proceed with the City's permit and with permitting the other point sources in the watershed. POC: John Drabek, 3-8257

## **Upcoming:**

Lead and Copper Rule Implementation in Idaho: On June 2, Marie Jennings is planning to meet with Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality to follow-up on how the state is implementing the lead and copper rule. All of the EPA Regions were requested to meet with each state to discuss oversight and implementation issues. The Drinking Water Unit met with Oregon and Washington in April and May and had extensive conference calls with Alaska. All of our states have been very active in addressing systems that have lead action exceedances. Actions taken have included changing out fixtures, public education and moving forward with corrosion control studies. Additionally, with the exception of Alaska, school districts are moving forward with sampling for lead. States are very active in providing the correct protocols. POC: Marie Jennings, 3-1893.

## **Executive Team Meeting Items:**

We received an anticipated draft complaint and proposed settlement form NWEA regarding Washington CZARA and 319/Nonpoint Source implementation.